



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 20, 2007

### **S. 2096** **Do-Not-Call Improvement Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
on October 30, 2007*

S. 2096 would prohibit the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) from removing phone numbers from its “do-not-call” registry at the end of specific time periods. The “do-not-call” registry contains a list of consumers whom telemarketers are prohibited from calling. When the registry was created in 2003, the FTC developed rules that required consumers to register their phone numbers every five years and required the FTC to remove disconnected phone numbers periodically.

S. 2096 would prohibit the FTC from removing numbers from the registry at the end of this five-year period or any other specified period. The bill also would authorize the FTC to continue to purge the registry of disconnected and reassigned phone numbers. Based on information from FTC, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have no significant impact on the federal budget because the commission is already complying with the bill’s provisions.

S. 2096 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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